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IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the pending claims along with status.

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An axle assembly for a vehicle comprising:
an axle shaft having a first end and a second end, said axle shaft mounted for rotation within a housing, said first end and said second end extending outside of said housing;
a hub fixed to said first end of said axle shaft; and
a brake assembly including a rotor disposed outside of said housing and attached to said axle shaft adjacent said second end, wherein said second end is spaced apart from said hub a first length greater than an axial length of said housing.
- 2-3. (CANCELLED)
4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said brake assembly includes an actuator mounted to said housing for actuating a caliper for selectively engaging said rotor.
5. (CANCELLED)
6. (ORIGINAL) The assembly of claim 4, wherein said actuator is pneumatically operated.
7. (ORIGINAL) The assembly of claim 4, wherein said actuator is hydraulically actuated.
8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly of claim 1, including bearing assemblies disposed within said housing for supporting rotation of said axle shaft relative to said housing.
- 9-10. (CANCELLED)
11. (ORIGINAL) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said housing is mountable to a suspension arm.

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12. (ORIGINAL) The assembly of claim 11, wherein said suspension arm is pivotally mountable to a frame of a motor vehicle.
13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A brake assembly comprising:
an axle shaft supported for rotation within an axle housing, said axle shaft having a first end and a second end;
a hub fixed to said first end of said axle shaft;
a rotor fixed adjacent said second end of said axle shaft outside of said axle housing; and
a first brake pad and a second brake pad supported within a caliper mounted to said axle housing and selectively engagable with said rotor.
14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly of claim 13, further including a brake actuator for moving said first brake pad and said second brake pad into engagement with said rotor.
15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly of claim 13, including bearing assemblies disposed within said axle housing for supporting said axle shaft for rotation relative to said axle housing.
16. (CANCELLED)
17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly of claim 13, including seals disposed between said axle housing and said axle shaft.
18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly of claim 13, wherein said axle housing is mountable to a trailing arm pivotally attachable to a frame member on a first end and supported by a suspension member on a second end.

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19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A brake assembly comprising:
 - a housing having an axial length;
 - an axle supported for rotation within said housing, said axle having a first end portion and a second end portion both extending outwardly from said housing, said second end portion spaced apart from said first end portion a length greater than said axial length of said housing;
 - a wheel hub attached to said first end portion of said axle;
 - a rotatable brake member attached to said second end portion; and
 - an actuator for selectively moving friction members into engagement with said rotatable brake member.
20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly as recited in claim 19 wherein said rotatable brake member comprises a rotor.
21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as recited in claim 20 wherein said actuator comprises a caliper for supporting movement of said friction members into engagement with said rotor.
22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as recited in claim 19 wherein said housing is supported on a trailing arm, said trailing arm pivotally attachable to a vehicle frame member.
23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as recited in claim 19, wherein said rotatable brake member is accessible without removal of a wheel mounted to said wheel hub.
24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as recited in claim 19, wherein said axial length of said housing is greater than a length of a vehicle wheel rim measured along an axis of rotation.